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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re PATENT application of:

Applicant:

Divergilio, et al.

Application No.:

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For:

UNIPOLAR ELECTROSTATIC QUADRUPOLE LENS AND

SWITCHING METHODS FOR CHARGED BEAM TRANSPORT

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Mail Stop Amendment Assistant Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Favorable reconsideration of the above-identified application is respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and remarks.